



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 23, 2005

S. 1552

A bill to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 16, 2005*

In 1961, the federal government conveyed 21 acres of land to Eastern Washington University. Under the terms of that conveyance, if the university uses the land for some purpose other than education or recreation, ownership reverts to the federal government. S. 1552 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to release the federal government's reversionary interest in the land to allow the university to sell or exchange the property.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that allowing the university to sell or exchange this land under S. 1552 would not affect the federal budget. S. 1552 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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